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FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SCs AND OBCs
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated and released by the Union Government to various State Governments under various schemes for the welfare of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) particularly for providing assistance to the Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes living below poverty line during 2005-2006 and 2006-2007, State/UT-wise and scheme-wise;

(b) whether all the State Governments have utilised the above funds;

(c) if so, the details of utilisation of funds under the schemes during the said period, State/UT-wise and scheme-wise;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the complaints received regarding misutilisation of funds by States/UTs during the said period and the action taken by the Union Government thereon; and

(f) the measures taken by the Union Government for monitoring of proper utilization of funds by the States/UTs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) to (d) No State-wise allocation is made under the schemes for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs). The release of Central Assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes is based on the specific proposals as also the utilization certificates for the funds released during the previous year. The period of utilization of funds varies from scheme to scheme. Details of the funds released to various State Governments and Union Territories in respect of schemes for Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes along with utilisation of funds (wherever applicable) during 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 are enclosed at Annexure I& II respectively.

(e) & (f) No such complaint has been received. The utilization of funds is monitored through regular reports and evaluation studies.